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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR McSorley DATE TYPED 02-12-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE UNM Engineering Program SB 362

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY05 | FY06 | FY05 | FY06 | | |
| | \$200.0 | | | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the appropriation for the University of New Mexico in the General Appropriations Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 362 – Making an Appropriation for the University of New Mexico Engineering Program – appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY06 for the incremental expansion of the manufacturing engineering special project funding. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

The graduate-level Manufacturing Engineering Program (MEP), within the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Engineering, seeks to:

- build a nationally-competitive manufacturing engineering program able to meet the statewide demand for high-tech, manufacturing trained students;
- promote economic growth by facilitating, developing, transferring and teaching new manufacturing technologies;
- train students on state-of-the-art equipment;
- deliver industry-relevant courses that utilize industry expertise; and
- articulate training, curriculum and facilities with regional community colleges, where practical

As UNM's FY06 *Research and Public Service Appropriation Request* to CHE indicates:

This appropriation will enable MEP to enhance its academic program and expand operations of the Manufacturing Training and Technology Center (MTTC) cleanroom project. A full-function silicon processing line does not presently exist at UNM – or at any community college or other university within the state – and this initiative will address then state's workforce demands in the electronics-manufacturing sector (driven by such firms as Intel, CTS, Honeywell and Sumitomo), by training New Mexicans for New Mexico jobs.

This program was not included in the CHE's *2005-2006 Higher Education Funding Recommendation*.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The University of New Mexico will retain oversight of this program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to the appropriation for the University of New Mexico in the General Appropriations Act.

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